

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rossi (USP 6,753,801). Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. (USP 7,123,301) and further in view of Rossi (USP 6,753,801).

Amendment to the Title

In response to the Examiner's objection to the title, Applicant has amended the title to be: ANALOG FRONT END CIRCUIT FOR CONVERTING ANALOG SIGNAL OUTPUTTED BY IMAGE SENSOR INTO DIGITAL SIGNAL. Applicant submits that this new title is fully descriptive of the claimed invention.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-11 and 13-22 would be considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the language of claim 2, thereby redrafting the claim in independent form, and claim 12 has been amended to include the language of claim 13, thereby redrafting the claim in independent form. Furthermore, a period has been added to the end of claims 9 and 20, respectively.

Since no prior art was cited against the amended claims 2 and 13, it is believed that the original and amended claims specifically set forth and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art. Therefore, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a) are rendered moot and no response is deemed necessary.

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Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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